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## Mrs. Allen Dulles Tells Mothers of G.I.s' Care

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Mrs. Allen W. Dulles, who visited her wounded Marine son in Japan last December, reassured American mothers over a nation-wide Mother's Day broadcast yesterday that wounded G. I.s are receiving the best possible care.

Mrs. Dulles told the story of her trip at a luncheon for mothers of service men at the Hotel Gotham, broadcast over the ABC network. She is the wife of the director of the Central Intelligence Agency and sister-in-law of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Her son, 1st Lt. Allen Macy Dulles, twenty-three, was wounded by Red mortar fire on Nov. 14 when he crept within thirty yards of a Red machine-gun emplacement and directed mortar fire to it. It was his third wound in twenty-four hours.

### What Happens

"I think many mothers and fathers would be much more comfortable if they could have a picture of what happens to their sons when they are sent back from the front to a hospital," Mrs. Dulles said.

"The first step you see in the process is a white hospital ship which has steamed down from Korean waters and is entering the Japanese harbor—a pure white ship from stem to stern painted with huge red crosses on either side to protect her from enemy bombing.

"This ship is fitted out with endless supply operating rooms in which the doctors work night and day while the men are aboard.

"Hardly has the ship docked before stretchers are coming down the gangplank and ambulances are rolling toward the hospital. There doctors and chaplains are already gathered in the long corridors by the entrance to send the stretchers rolling to left and right.

"In the hospital wards, bright,

intelligent nurses in starched white uniforms and medical corpsmen, also trained and immaculate, take over.

"It would do many a mother and father good to know that if their son is seriously ill, as mine was, he is given a detail of corpsmen who never leave him for a moment, day or night, for weeks or even months. This is a service no civilian hospital can give with the shortage of nurses."

### Asked of Meeting Son

George Gunn, the announcer, asked Mrs. Dulles about her first meeting with her son.

"I had been seeing my son for almost a month before he recognized me," Mrs. Dulles said. "He would look straight at me and say, 'Mother, is that you over there on that little hill? Mother, is that you in that little woods?'"

"The doctor kept saying, 'Allen, this is your mother. Allen, your mother is here.'"

"Then one day he sat up and sniffed like a hound dog. 'Yes,' he said speculatively. 'Yes, I believe that is my mother.'"

"Now he's back here at Bethesda."

### Flown From Japan

Lt. Dulles was flown from Japan and arrived at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md., Jan. 31. Mrs. Dulles, who had been in Japan since Dec. 1, returned to their Washington home on Feb. 10.

Mr. Gunn also interviewed Mrs. Charlotte McGann, Mrs. Edward Raschi, and Mrs. Maj. John Phillips of the Salvation Army, all of whom have sons in Korean service; Lt. Col. John Shea, assistant 1st Army chaplain; Maj. Lucille Slattery of the 706th Air Transport Group, San Antonio, Tex., and Lt. Catherine Scannel, of the St. Albans, Queens Naval Hospital, both veteran nurses who told of

their service among wounded servicemen in Korea; and Mrs. Ethlyn Bott of Belleville, Ill., step-mother of four, chosen as "Mother of the Year" by the American Mother's Committee.

In the closing part of the program, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McVeety, of 1383 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, were surprised with a recorded interview between their son and a public information officer. The son, Pfc. Henry P. McVeety, twenty-two, was wounded on St. Patrick's Day in Korea. The interview was recorded Monday in the Tokyo Army Hospital and was flown here for the broadcast.

### Tells of Wound

Pfc. McVeety told how he was wounded in the leg by mortar fire on "Little Gibraltar," and removed by litter to the battalion aid station, by helicopter to an evacuation hospital, and by plane to Tokyo Army Hospital. "The flight nurse was wonderful," he said. "She fixed everything around and brought me something to eat. I didn't know I was so hungry until she brought something to eat." He told the interviewer he had "the most wonderful mother in the world; I love her very much. I hope God pray for the day I can go home."

The Mother's Day luncheon was sponsored by the Armed Forces Day Committee of the 1st Army, and the participants were guests of the Gotham Hotel. The program was broadcast over the nation at 2 p. m. yesterday and was re-broadcast over station WABC at 7:15 p. m. A recording of the broadcast will be sent to the Armed Forces Radio in Japan.